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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: UN-AFGHAN PROGRAM

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1. MAGNUSSON AND DAVIES ARRIVED KABUL JUNE 18. DAVIES HAS HAS SUBSEQUENTLY INTRODUCED MAGNUSSEN AROUND AND LATTER IS NOW SETTLED IN "UN BUILDING" IN MININTERIOR COMPOUND.

2. DAVIES HAS HELD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH AFGHAN OFFICIALS AND REPORTS MOST PROMISING SESSION WITH DEPMIN PLANNING FAROGH. DAVIES LEFT JUNE 25 FOR PAKISTAN AND PLANS RETURN EARLY JULY FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH AFGHAN OFFICIALS.

3. DAVIES HAS INFORMED US GOA FIRST ASKED THAT ENTIRE UN EFFORT BE TRANSFERRED FROM BADA KHSHAN PROVINCE TO GHOR AND ORUZGAN PROVINCES "WHERE NO POPPIES ARE GROWN". DAVIES REPORTEDLY REFUSED ON GROUND THAT UN EFFORT, WHILE NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRED TO BE IN BADA KHSHAN, HAD TO BE IN AN AREA WHERE POPPIES ARE GROWN. IN SESSION WITH FAROGH JUNE 24, TWO REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT FAROGH WOULD USE DAVIES ABSENCE TO IDENTIFY PROJECTS IN OTHER POPPY AREAS WHICH UN WOULD HELP PREPARE AND FINANCE. DAVIES INFERRED
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\$5 MILLION PROGRAM OVER FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TENTATIVELY

AGREED; BUT HE SAID "AFGHANS CANNOT POSSIBLY COME UP WITH ENOUGH PROJECTS TO USE \$1 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR FIVE YEARS". PROJECTS TO BE PLANNED IN BADA KH SHAN WILL AWAIT CONCLUSION UNDP SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY OF BADA KH SHAN WHICH SCHEDULED BEGIN AUGUST (UNDP RESREP BORTHWICK CONFIRMS BEGINNING DATE). DAVIES ADDED AFGHANS SEEM TO BE CONCENTRATING ON PROJECTS OTHER THAN CROP SUBSTITUTION WHICH COULD INDICATE GOA HAS ACCEPTED VALIDITY OF BROADER TERM INCOME SUBSTITUTION. DAVIES CONFIRMED UN WILLING ASSIST IN PROJECTS PLANNED IN BADA KH SHAN AFTER UNDP SURVEY. FINAL ARRANGEMENTS AWAIT DAVIES RETURN FROM PAKISTAN. HE HAS PROMISED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH EMBASSY.

4. DAVIES HAS EXPLORED WITH DEPMIN JUSTICE ZHOU AND IDEA OF SENDING LEGAL ADVISOR (NOT NOLL) TO KABUL FOR SEVERAL WEEKS TO FINALIZE DRAFT LAW OR DECREE ON NARCOTICS. ZHOU AND INTERESTED.

5. STATE 135429 HAS JUST ARRIVED. WE CONCUR NEED TO MOVE FORWARD AND ANTICIPATE FURTHER USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH DAVIES DURING HIS JULY VISIT. WE WILL CONCENTRATE ON SUGGESTED POINTS. WILL HOLD RECOMMENDATIONS UNTIL WE HAVE HAD CHANCE DISCUSS ACTUALITIES WITH DAVIES ON HIS RETURN.
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